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**REQUEST TO FILE UNDER SEAL**

May 6, 2022

VIA E.C.F.

Honorable Lorna G. Schofield  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Re: Christopher Hiram Cano v. City of New York, et al.,  
19 Civ. 1640 (LGS)

Your Honor:

I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Special Federal Litigation Division of the New York City Law Department and the attorney representing defendants City of New York, New York City Health and Hospitals, New York City Department of Correction (“DOC”) Captains Charles and Robinson, and DOC Officers Chisolm and Santiago (collectively, “Defendants”) in the above-referenced matter.<sup>1</sup> Defendants write to respectfully request that the Defendants be permitted to file their anticipated May 6, 2022 letter application under seal because it discusses matters and documents which have been explicitly protected from disclosure by the Court’s September 26, 2019 Stipulation of Confidentiality and Protective Order (hereinafter, “Protective Order”) and also concerns other private and/or confidential matters concerning Plaintiff. (See Dkt. No. 37 at ¶ 2(f).)

By way of background, Plaintiff was scheduled to be deposed by Defendants at the Manhattan Detention Complex on October 31, 2019. However, on October 29, 2019, the Defendants learned that Plaintiff was discharged from DOC custody into the custody of New York State. (See Dkt. Nos. 44, 45.)

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<sup>1</sup> Upon information and belief, DOC Officer Murray has not been served with process and, thus, is not yet a proper party to this action.

Upon information and belief, on November 8, 2019, former Assistant Corporation Counsel Samantha J. Pallini provided the Court, under seal, with an update with respect to the Plaintiff's custody status and relevant criminal case, which are confidential pursuant to HIPAA and the Protective Order. Pursuant to the Protective Order, "[a]ny records unsealed as a result of Plaintiff's properly executed authorization for the unsealing of records pursuant to New York Criminal Procedure Law §§ 160.50 and 160.55, particularly pertaining to Bronx Supreme Court Indictment No. 02396/2016[,] are to be designated confidential materials and protected from disclosure to third parties, except those persons listed in paragraph 5. (See Dkt. No. 37 at ¶ 2(f).)

Here, the contents of the Defendants' anticipated May 6, 2022 letter application concerns the Plaintiff's custody status and certain disclosure on the public docket may violate HIPAA.

Accordingly, the Defendants' anticipated filing contains confidential information, and the Defendants respectfully request the Court's permission to file the Defendants' anticipated May 6, 2022 letter application under seal.<sup>2</sup>

The Defendants thank the Court for its consideration.

CC: VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL<sup>3</sup>

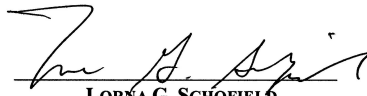
Christopher Hiram Cano  
Book & Case No. 8952100260  
George R. Vierno Center  
09-09 Hazen Street  
Bronx, New York 11370

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Nicolette Pellegrino  
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The application to seal is **GRANTED**. The status letter at Docket No. 147 shall remain under seal. Only Christopher Hiram Cano, Nicolette Pellegrino, the City of New York, the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, Correctional Officers Chisolm, Santiago, Murray, and Captains Robinson and Charles shall have access to the letter at Docket No. 147 and subsequently filed status letters. Having shown good cause, Defendants' motion for an extension of the stay is **GRANTED**. The stay is extended to June 23, 2022. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to mail a copy of this Order to pro se Plaintiff and to close the motions at Docket Nos. 146 and 147.

Dated: May 9, 2022  
New York, New York

  
LORNA G. SCHOFIELD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

<sup>2</sup> The Defendants will file their anticipated May 6, 2022 letter application under seal through the ECF system subsequent to filing their instant request.

<sup>3</sup> On May 5, 2022, Plaintiff informed the undersigned that she is currently located at the George R. Vierno Center.